

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of this application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-67 are presently active in this case. The present Amendment amends Claims 30, 34, 36-38, 42-43, 57, 63 and 65 without introducing any new matter.

The outstanding Office Action objected to Claims 30, 34-38, 42-44, 57, 63 and 65 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c) as being in improper form.

Claims 1, 4, 6-29, 31-33, 39-41, 45-56, 58-64, 66 and 67 were allowed. Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication of allowable subject matter.

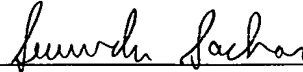
In response to the objection to Claims 30, 34-38, 42-44, 57, 63 and 65 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c), Applicants amended Claims 30, 34, 36-38, 42-43, 57, 63 and 65 to delete the improper multiple-dependent claim language. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of all the withdrawn claims. Since the withdrawn Claims 30, 34-38, 42-44, 57, 63 and 65 depend upon allowed claims and the objection is believed to be overcome, Applicants submit that Claims 30, 34-38, 42-44, 57, 63 and 65 are also allowable.

Consequently, in view of the present Amendment, no further issues are believed to be outstanding in the present application, and the present application is believed to be in condition for formal Allowance. A Notice of Allowance for Claims 1-67 is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner deem that any further action is necessary to place this application in even better form for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the below listed telephone number.

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